

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 2 May 2014

Present Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr G Smith, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Riley, Mr S Hulme, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk), Mr J Walker, Mr & Mrs R Stanley, Mr D Leech, Miss J Capewell, Mr P Atkins

Minutes The minutes of the OGM dated 7 March 2014 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Staffordshire Highways Procedures Meeting - Councillors Vernon and Hulme reported on their attendance

Felling of Trees in Conservation Area – It was generally agreed that it was an improvement to the area but it was brought to the owner's attention that it was necessary for planning permission to be sought before any more felling took place
Heart Start Scheme – An application has been made to the British Heart Foundation for help with the funding for a defibrillator. Leaflets were distributed regarding the installation and cost of a defibrillator cabinet

Water Problem in Booth Lane – Staffordshire Highways have now agreed to a site meeting and a date is being arranged

Financial

<u>Payments Made/Receipts</u>	£
Community Council of Staffordshire Membership	40.00
Mrs D Clarke 6 Months salary to 31 March 2014	657.38
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 28 February 2014	117.80
Mr P Riley Heart Start expenses	10.55
SPCA Membership 2014/15	92.00
Mr W Poultney, Lengthsman (wages to 30/4/14)	210.00
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Aon Insurance renewal for year commencing 1 June 2014	343.56
Abbots Bromley First Responders donation	50.00
Donna Louise Trust donation	50.00
Midlands Air Ambulance donation	50.00
St Giles Hospice donation	50.00
CPRE	30.00

The accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014 have been independently internally audited by Mr M Gadsby prior to submission to Grant Thornton, Auditors.

Correspondence

Police Commissioner's People Power Fund

ESBC – East Staffordshire Local Plan 2014

Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2014/2015

Colwich Neighbourhood Plan – Control over future development – Requiring a response from Blithfield Parish Council

Any Other Business

Replacement glass for Newton telephone box – It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for the glass

Wind Turbines – Discussion took place regarding the appeal process in connection with planning permission being sought for the installation of a wind turbine in Newton. For information, the wind turbine at Far Coley Farm, Little Haywood, has been refused and an appeal lodged.

Broken post in School Lane, Admaston – The clerk was asked to contact the Highways Team for a replacement.

HS2 – Local news Councillor Hulme reported that the line had not been moved. Colton Parish Council have joined the 51m Group and the Action Group hosted a meeting with the Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen of the various Staffordshire/Cheshire Action Groups. HS2/1 petitions have been submitted along the line. Colton representatives attended Parliament on the 28 April, to lobby MPs. Reports on the parliamentary speeches supporting HS2 were considered ill-informed, misleading and repetitious. National news The televised parliamentary debate confirmed the above-mentioned reports. Michael Fabricant, Bill Cash and Jeremy Lefroy voted against the Bill. The Environmental Statement conclusions were at odds with the evidence in the main body of the document. The Bill needs to clear the Committee stages before enactment, this will not be until after the General Election – assuming support continues from all main parties.

Parking at Admaston Village Hall – Concern was expressed regarding cars that were being parked in School Lane when functions were held at the Village Hall. A lively debate ensued and the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee agreed to look into the matter.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 4 July 2014 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed Date